

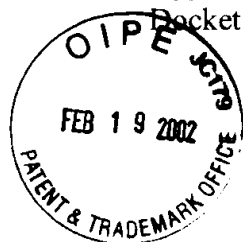
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 6, 2001 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the comments set forth below.

**Procedural Matter**

1. The Office Action did not include a Notice of the Official Draftsperson's Review (Form PTO-948) of the drawings originally submitted with this application. The Examiner is requested to forward this Notice with the next communication with Applicant.

**Claim Amendments**

2. Applicants respectfully request that Claim 11 be amended to read as follows:

11. (amended) The method of claim 5, in which the powder is screened in said screening step through a 100 mesh sieve.